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TO: CASE OFFICER

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Subject: Mr. ALEXANDER P. SITNIKOV, second Secretary of the
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations

Source: Mr. ANTHONY SHUKIELOYS, address: 70 East 3rd Street, Apt. 12
New York 3, N.Y. Tel: SP-7 8224, president of Byelorussian
American Relief Inc. who also is in charge of "Byelorussian
Press Exchange" located in store of Mr. WALTER ESCHUK 249
East 10th Street New York 9, N.Y. Tel: CA 8-8068. The Byelorus-
sian Press Exchange is only for receiving and sending news-
papers and books to Byelorussia and Poland. Mr. SHUKIELOYS
is my close friend and collaborator in New York.

Mr. ALEXANDER P. SITNIKOV, 32 years old, weight about 160, height
about 5'7 dark hair, married and has one or two children, living
with family in a Hotel around West 47th street.

Mr. SITNIKOV is Second Secretary of Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic to the United Nations, with offices at 6 East 67th Street
New York. He is living in the United States about one year and
speaks only Russian. He is a career diplomat.

Mr. SITNIKOV learned about Byelorussian Press Exchange from news-
paper "Bielarus" and come to the store, several times asking the
owner Mr. WALTER ESCHUK who is in charge of the Exchange. Mr. ESCHUK
gave him telephone number of Mr. SHUKIELOYS.

Mr. SITNIKOV telephoned to Mr. SHUKIELOYS and made an appointment
which took place on 12 January 1959 at 7 P.M. At the meeting Mr.
SITNIKOV presented himself as a SASHA telling nothing more and
asked Mr. Shukieloys if he can get some Byelorussian books suspected
about history. From this conversation Mr. SHUKIELOYS ~~informed~~ that
Mr. SASHA is not an immigrant and that he may be an Soviet official
member of the Mission. They agree to meet next time at the same
hour on 19 January 1959.

In meantime Mr. SHUKIELOYS notified the American Committee for
Liberation about the meeting and his suspisions. Mr. MICHAEL
TERPAK liason officer with the Emigrees of the American Committee
for Liberation advised to meet Mr. SITNIKOV again and to ask him
who he is and eventually to give him books because the Soviets
can have them anyhow.

Next meeting took place on 19 January 1959 at 7 P.M. where Mr.
SITNIKOV presented himself who he is thus Mr. SHUKIELOYS had
no doubts anymore and his suspisions were correct. Mr. SHUKIELOYS
gave him a book "From History of Byelorussia" by dr. Jan Stankiewicz
recently published in Munich, Germany. Mr. SITNIKOV and Mr. SHUKIE-
LOYTS went to the resterant have some drinks and political conver-
sation. Mr. SHUKIELOYS was putting questions and Mr. SITNIKOV was
answering them, but always defending Soviet regime.

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This time they agree to meet again on 26 January 1959 and that Mr. SHUKIELOYTS should bring with him a Byelorussian historian.

The third meeting with Mr. SITNIKOV took place on 26 January 1959 at 7 P.M. at the store on 10th Street and lasted one hour along the East 14th Street, but Mr. SHUKIELOYTS took me (PHILIP E. LAUNAIS) instead of the historian to which meeting I went personally. At the meeting Mr. SHUKIELOYTS presented me as a president of Byelorussian-American Association, and I gave Mr. SITNIKOV my business telephone number for future contact. In general the conversation was a political, as it was expected Mr. SITNIKOV defended Soviet regime, system and policy, assuring us that in BSSR many things have been changed and that we can go and see, and he personally can guarantee the return.

From this conversation we learned that Mr. SITNIKOV, as he said, wanted to have some books printed in exile about establishing of Byelorussian Democratic Republic (Bielaruskaya Narodnaya Respublika) for his history study. These books we promised to give him next time at the meeting.

Mr. Sitnikov asked why do not appear any more the Byelorussian newspaper "Biekarus", because he read it regularly. (The "Bielarus" stopped to appear because of shortage of money since October 1958). My impression is that Mr. SITNIKOV appears very typical Soviet Byelorussian citizens, just a new product of communism, or rather new bearer of Russian imperialism, and also that his (Mr. Sitnikov) purpose in looking to have some contacts with Byelorussians in the U.S. are not only historical, but I could not find yet, maybe after next meeting we will be better enlightened about his purposes. Mr. SITNIKOV promised to call me or Mr. SHUKIELOYTS to arrange another meeting.

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